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SUBJECT: LITTLE NIGERIAN REACTION TO ENERGY SPEECHES

BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AND SIMON

REF: STATE 256861 NOTAL

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN WAITING LARGELY IN VAIN FOR NIGERIAN
REACTION TO ENERGY POLICY SPEECHES BY SECRETARIES KISSINGER

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NOVEMBER 14 AND SIMON NOVEMBER 18. COMMISSIONER OF MINES

AND POWER MONGUNO, IN WHOSE NAME OFFICIAL STATEMENTS ON NIGERIAN ENERGY POLICY ARE USUALLY RELEASED, WAS AT UNGA AT TIME OF SPEECHES. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS HE HAS HAD NOTHING IN PARTICULAR TO SAY ABOUT THE SPEECHES IN PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH US BUSINESSMEN IN NEW YORK, INCLUDING INFORMAL MEETING WITH SEVEN INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES RECENTLY ORGANIZED BY NIGERIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. NIGERIAN OFFICIALS HAVE NOT RAISED SPEECHES IN CONVERSATION WITH EMOFFS. TO EXTENT THAT WE HAVE TRIED TO DRAW THEM OUT ON THIS SUBJECT, THEY HAVE NOT BEEN INTERESTED IN COMMENTING EXCEPT TO REITERATE THE GENERAL VIEW THAT OIL PRICES CANNOT BE BROUGHT DOWN UNTIL PRICES FOR MANUFACTURED GOODS ARE BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL.

2. USIS WIDELY DISSEMINATED TEXTS OF BOTH SPEECHES, BUT ONLY PRESS REACTION TO DATE HAS BEEN FACTUAL INCORPORATION SOME PORTIONS IN SEVERAL LOCALLY-WRITTEN ARTICLES ON WORLD ENERGY SITUATION. DAILY TIMES (PAPER WITH LARGEST CIRCULATION) PUBLISHED FULL PAGE ARTICLE NOVEMBER 26 BY ITS EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENT WHICH MAINTAINS THE "INCREASE IN COST OF IMPORTED CRUDE ...IS WRECKING THE ECONOMIES OF MOST NATIONS" AND USES QUOTES FROM THE KISSINGER SPEECH AND PRESIDENT FORD'S WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE (WEC) SPEECH TO SHOW "THE WEST WILL EVENTUALLY MOVE TOGETHER TO PROTECT THEIR SOCIETIES." DAILY TIMES EDITORIAL NOVEMBER 27 AND BRIEF NEWS ARTICLE DECEMBER 4 CHARACTERIZE US ENERGY POLICY AS BLACKMAIL (WHICH HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY RESISTED BY OPEC).

3. COMMENT: NIGERIANS HAVE APPARENTLY REGARDED THE TWO RECENT SPEECHES AS CONTAINING NOTHING REALLY NEW FOR THEM TO REACT TO, HAVING PREVIOUSLY PUT THEMSELVES ON RECORD WITH VERY LOUD REACTION TO SPEECHES OF PRESIDENT FORD AND OTHERS TO UNGA AND WEC (LAGOS 09407 OF OCTOBER 8). THE OFFICIAL SILENCE AND THE REALISM OF THE DAILY TIMES ARTICLE DO NOT IMPLY THAT NIGERIANS, OFFICIAL OR PRIVATE, HAVE IN ANY WAY RETREATED FROM THEIR CONVICTION THAT OIL PRICE RISE IS FAVORABLE AND LONG OVERDUE REVERSAL OF TERMS OF TRADE WHICH SHOULD BE ACCEPTED AND PROTECTED AGAINST INFLATION BY THE US AND OTHER WESTERN POWERS. REINHARDT
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